



**Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office
City Council Meeting Recap
5.26.20**

A brief recap of important items discussed during the May 26, 2020 City Council Special Meeting is provided below:

May 26, 2020 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

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This meeting was held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020. Any or all Councilmembers may attend and participate by teleconference/virtual meeting. Members of the public may participate by teleconference.
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CLOSED SESSION:

- No reportable actions taken in Closed Session

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mayor Campbell wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and recognized health care workers and others that are helping in the battle against COVID-19. The Mayor thanked community members that wore masks over the weekend and behaved responsibly. She stated that the City is dedicated to making sure the reopening for local businesses is done safely.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Councilmember Armato made a motion to move items 6a and 6b from Municipal Matters forward in the agenda to accommodate the 7:30 Public Hearing. Councilmember Detoy seconded the motion and Council approved this unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Campbell introduced the City's new City Clerk, Eduardo Sarmiento. Mr. Sarmiento thanked the Council and community for allowing him this opportunity to serve the City.
- Mayor Campbell read a proclamation declaring June 2020 as Pride Month in Hermosa Beach. Jessica Accamando called in to thank the City and a number of other community members for this recognition and their support for Pride.
- Representatives Tom Bakaly and Jacqueline Sun from the Beach Cities Health District presented an update on COVID-19 in the community and what resources the Beach Cities Health District has to offer, especially for helping businesses during reopening.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND REPORTS - CITY MANAGER

- The City Manager provided an update on the City's COVID-19 response. This included a report from the weekend after the reopening of the Strand. She stated that the City is focused on



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reopening businesses as quickly and safely as possible and is working in many ways to accomplish this. Ms. Lowenthal announced that parking enforcement associated with street sweeping will begin in early June. She welcomed Police Chief Paul LeBaron to provide a report on the response from the Police Department. The Chief gave a summary of enforcement statistics.

- Councilmember Fangary raised a concern with the timing of parking enforcement resuming for street sweeping service. The City Attorney reminded City Council that this matter is included in the agenda item for the Confirmation of City Manager/Director of Emergency Services Executive Orders Nos. 2020-03 And 2020-04 and should be discussed at that time.
- Peter Ahlstrom, Community Services Manager, provided an update on citywide parking and enforcement from over the weekend.
- The City Manager spoke on an Information Item regarding the Summer Streets program and staff's progress on the Council's direction regarding this program from the May 12 meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Eleven callers spoke during the open public participation period.

1. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Council received and filed the general written communication.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Fangary pulled items 2k and 2l from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion. Council voted unanimously to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar.

3. CONSENT ORDINANCES

None

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

2k) REPORT 20-0273 CONSIDERATION OF ARAKELIAN ENTERPRISES (ATHENS SERVICES) REQUEST FOR AN ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM RATES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

- Councilman Fangary raised some issues regarding strand sweeping service and other trash scheduling. The City Attorney directed Council to refocus on the rate adjustment item at hand. Council voted unanimously to approve the item.

2l) REPORT 20-0283 CONFIRMATION OF CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ORDERS NOS. 2020-03 AND 2020-04 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Councilman Fangary asked about the City's coordination with the County on lifting restrictions on other sports and activities. He also expressed concern with reinstating parking enforcement related to street sweeping. Mayor Pro Tem Massey made a motion confirming the Executive



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Orders 2020-03 and 2020-04 with an amendment to Section 4a of Order 2020-04 to change the start date for street sweeping parking enforcement and citations to June 15th. Councilmember Armato seconded the motion and Council voted unanimously to approve the item.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - TO COMMENCE AT 7:30 P.M.

- a) REPORT 20-0237 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNUAL LEVY FOR THE SEWER CHARGE AND ENGINEER'S REPORT
- There was no public comment on this item. Council voted unanimously to approve the item.
- b) REPORT 20-0285 CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO CONVERT RESTAURANT SPACE (FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY ABIGAIL'S) AND RETAIL SPACE (CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY MIKE'S GUITAR PARLOR) TO AN EXPANDED AND REMODELED OFFICE SPACE WITH FAÇADE MODIFICATIONS, RESULTING IN A NET EXPANSION OF 2,916 SQUARE FEET AT AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 1301 MANHATTAN AVENUE, AND DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
- Four callers spoke on this item. Council voted unanimously to approve the item.

6. MUNICIPAL MATTERS

- a) REPORT 20-0224 PARTICIPATION IN BEACH CITIES TRANSIT (BCT) LINE 109 AGREEMENT, WITH NO REQUIRED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, WITH THE CITIES OF EL SEGUNDO, MANHATTAN BEACH AND REDONDO BEACH, FUNDED FROM PROPOSITION A FUNDS
- The item was approved unanimously by Council.
- b) REPORT 20-0300 RECOVERY MEASURES TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES AS THEY SAFELY REOPEN UNDER THE COUNTY'S PHASED PROGRAM
- Director Robertson corrected the fees listed in the staff report:
 - Administrative Permit Fee: ~~\$240~~ **\$166**
 - Initial Encroachment Permit Fee (if on public property) ~~\$570~~ **\$300**
 - Five callers spoke on this item.
 - Councilmember Armato moved to approve Staff's recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute the Executive Order to establish temporary outdoor dining and retail permits, and temporarily suspend the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit or parking for said permits, with the following dining conditions:
 - Outdoor dining areas are for dine-in service only (i.e. not for take-out food)
 - Alcohol must be served with food
 - Dining hours not to exceed 10 p.m.
- The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Massey. The motion failed 3-2.
- Councilmember Detoy made the same motion except with dining hours not to exceed 11 p.m. This was seconded by Councilmember Fangary. Council approved the motion unanimously.



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- c) REPORT 20-0302 CONSIDERATION OF SENDING A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNTY REQUESTING A PARTIAL VARIANCE FROM STATEWIDE DIRECTIVES TO ALLOW THE CITY'S BUSINESSES TO BE ABLE TO REOPEN
- One caller spoke on this item.
 - Council voted 3-2 to approve this item with Councilmember Armato and Mayor Pro Tem Massey voting no and expressing they wanted a more regional approach.
- d) REPORT 20-0301 EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES AND RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
- One caller spoke on this item.
 - Council voted unanimously to approve the item.
- e) REPORT 20-0238 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
- There was no public comment on this item.
 - Council voted unanimously to approve this item.
- f) REPORT 20-0276 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 672 COUNCIL CHAMBER AUDIOVISUAL SYSTEM UPGRADES
- Council voted unanimously to approve this item.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS - CITY COUNCIL

- a) 20-0282 UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES
- No updates were provided.

8. OTHER MATTERS - CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor Campbell made a motion to bring an Agenda Item to the next City Council meeting regarding Public Parking Restrictions. Councilmembers Fangary and Detoy supported this motion.
- Mayor Pro Tem Massey asked that the "Consideration of Text Amendment to M-1 light manufacturing zone including limited event permit for Cypress District Businesses" be agendized as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned to June 3rd at 6pm for the virtual Budget Study Session

THE NEXT VIRTUAL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 WITH CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.



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